Dear Brian Hayes, 7/26/82

Thank you for your letter of the 21st. Here are the books and answers to your questions, I regret in haste.

There is not sufficient evidence to state that any particular group was responsible for the assassination, directly or indirectly.

I do not think that the answers to the mysteries exist in any information that is available, regardless of source. Certainly not in the disclosed official records, all of which I have and have read. In this regard it is important to understand that there has never been any official investigation of the crime itself. Everybody assumed Oswald's guilt and all efforts were made to have that preconception appear to be credible.

I not only do not believe that any network, including PBS, would ever run a series of investigative reports, but I can tell that all my efforts were rebuffed by them. When in recent years I've tried to interest some through friends on the inside, the best response has been, "Oh, no! Not that again!"

When I proposed this for the first time, to CBS in late 1965 or early 1966, based on Whitewash in the xerox edition, that was converted into the four-part attempt to validate the Warren Report, which Cronkite, not Rather, anchored.

With regard to PBS, Jim Lehrer was a Dallas reporter at the time of the crime and the Commission, and his best effort was directed at pretending there was no truth to the missed shot and putting down Jim Tague, who was wounded by it. In early May, 1966, when I took a copy of Whitewash to NBC, Max Robinson, then at the station where NBC News had its space, said he was interested and I never heard further. Paul Duke then was in the NBC newsroom and I gave him a copy of the book for them. He said that at least Monitor, a weekend radio net show, would be interested. I never heard from Monitor or Duke.

With regard to the 26 volumes, I've not heard of a set being available for years. Every once in a while I used to hear of someone getting a good buy where their value wasn't appreciated, but other than that, I've not heard of a set bringing less than $1,000. If anyone might know if and where one is available, it will be Penn Jones, who can be rached with the address Midlothian, Texas. He publishes a newsletter that, like his books and public appearances, is often farout. He is well -intended but wild and parenois.

Best wushes,